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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN  
AT JUNE 26 PRESS BRIEFING:

(ADVISORY FOR SPOKESMAN) AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE AND  
WALTER CUTLER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS, WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON  
FROM ZAIRE. (END ADVISORY)

Q. WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE VANCE MISSION?

A: AS I SAID THE OTHER DAY, THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES  
GREAT VALUE TO ITS RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE. AMBASSADOR VANCE  
AND MR. CUTLER WENT TO ZAIRE TO TRY AND CLEAR UP ANY  
MISUNDERSTANDING THAT HAD ARISEN BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERN-  
MENTS.

AMBASSADOR VANCE HAD MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND  
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OTHER OFFICIALS AND WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON LATER  
TODAY. HE WILL BE REPORTING TO THE SECRETARY.

1. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS ABOUT ANTI-AMERICAN OR ANTI-WESTERN ELEMENTS INFLUENCING MOBUTU. ANYTHING TO THOSE REPORTS?

A. THAT IS NOT OUR POSIITION. WE DO NOT REGARD PRESIDENT MOBUTU AS BEING UNDER SUCH INFLUENCES.

Q: IF MOBUTU'S "AUTHENTICITY" CAMPAIGN ISN'T ANTI-WESTERN, WHAT IS IT?

A: PRESIDENT MOBUTU EXPLAINS "AUTHENTICITY" AS A POSITIVE EFFORT TO CREATE A SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND IDENTITY BY RETURNING TO AFRICAN ROOTS.  
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